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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6017*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF SECURITY DEPOSITS  
FOR ELECTRIC, GAS OR WATER SERVICE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits utility companies, except municipal utilities, from requiring a security deposit to reinstate a residential customer's electric, gas, or water service if (1) the service was terminated for nonpayment of an overdue account and (2) it was the first time the account had ever been terminated for nonpayment. Current law prohibits utility companies from refusing electric, gas, or water service to a residential customer who is financially unable to pay a security deposit.

The bill also requires the Department of Public Utility Control to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16      Nay 3      (03/17/2011)